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SUBJ: IREX 75-76 GRADUATE EXCHANGES NOMINATIONS

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED IREX 75-76 NOMINATION PACKET FOR TRANSMISSION TO CZECHOSLOVAK COUNTERPARTS 3/13/75 AND NOTES THAT ALTHOUGH SEVERAL NOMINEES ARE DESTINED FOR SLOVAK MINED AFFILIATION, TRANSMITTAL PACKET IS ADDRESSED TO CZECH MINED. COPY OF LETTER TO KUBRYCHT WAS APPARENTLY SENT TO SLOVAKS (ERBAN) BUT EMBASSY CANNOT DETERMINE MEANS OF TRANSMISSION FROM MATERIALS AVAILABLE. EMBASSY WISHES TO RE-EMPHASIZE CZECH MINED HAS REPEATEDLY VOICED ITS RELUCTANCE TO SERVE AS QUASI-FEDERAL TRANSMISSION CHANNEL FOR SLOVAKS.

3. TWO NOMINALLY EQUAL AND INDEPENDENT, HOWEVER CLOSELY CO-ORDINATED, MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION IN PRAGUE AND BRATISLAVA DESIRE AND WOULD PROBABLY RESPOND MORE QUICKLY TO SEPARATE NOMINATION PACKETS.

4. EMBASSY INTENDS DUPLICATE PACKET ADDRESSED TO CZECH MINED, SENDING COPY UNDER COVER OF EMBASSY LETTER TO SLOVAK MINED. SLOVAK PACKET MAY THUS LACK IREX COVER LETTER, BUT EMBASSY BELIEVES ACTION MERITED IN INTEREST SPEEDY RESPONSE. ABOVE PROCEDURE APPEARS PARTICULARLY USEFUL IN LIGHT INCLUSION IN NOMINATIONS OF SCHOLARS NOT ONLY WORKING EXCLUSIVELY IN SLOVAKIA BUT ALSO IN BOTH BRATISLAVA AND PRAGUE.

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5. AS MATTHEWS PERHAPS AWARE, TWO CZECH MINED WORKERS (BURIAN

AND PANAKOVA) MOST EXPERIENCED IN DAILY ADMINISTRATION IREX PROGRAM HAVE BEEN DEFINITELY REASSIGNED AND NOT YET REPLACED. BOTH EMBASSY AND BRITISH CULTURAL OFFICE CONTINUE TRANSACTING MINED BUSINESS THROUGH GERMAN DESK OFFICER, OR HEAD OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OFFICE, WHEN AVAILABLE.

6. CONTINUATION THIS UNSATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT RE-ENFORCES EMBASSY CONVICTION RE JUSTIFICATION FOR NOT SEEKING OR EXPECTING EFFECTIVE COUNTRY-WIDE CO-ORDINATION OF IREX NOMINATIONS BY CZECH MINED, ALONE, WHICH APPEARS LIKELY REMAIN IN DISARRAY AT LEAST FOR NEXT FEW WEEKS.

7. EMBASSY WILL DEFER TRANSMITTAL IN FORM PROPOSED UNTIL MARCH 19, IN ANTICIPATION RECEIPT ANY OBJECTIONS/ SUGGESTIONS AS RELATED BY CU/EE.

8. ADVISE. PERRY

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